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1. Between 5 and 12 February 1954, the Hindenburg-Kaserne (8442), Plauen, was occupied as previously by an estimated 700 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Intensive training was observed in the barracks yard during the period under review. During the night on 8 February, a night exercise involving heavy weapons and track-laying vehicles was held. On 10 February, firing was practiced with 8 to 10 x 85-mm AT guns at the drill ground. Troops from the Koenig Georg Kaserne (8443) also participated in the exercise. The gun barrels mounted carbines with which the troops fired at targets about 400 meters from the guns.

2. In the afternoon on 16 February, a major troop unit from the Hindenburg-Kaserne and Koenig Georg Kaserne was entrained at the Oberer Bahnhof (upper railroad station) in Plauen. Strict security measures were observed during the loading, which involved 143 trucks, 2 sedans, 20 about 57-mm AT guns, 25 mortars, 10 guns and 3 SU-76 guns. The weapons were towed by trucks. The trucks were accompanied by 12 to 15 soldiers each.

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The shipment left toward east.

Comment. The units of the Plauen post returned on 24 February.

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